

### **REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration of the above identified application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

#### **I. Claim Status and Explanation of Amendments:**

Claims 1-10 were pending in this application, prior to the submission of this amendment. In the last Office Action, Claims 5-10 have been allowed. Claims 2 and 3 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but were indicated that would be allowable if rewritten in independent from including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1 and 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lunn (U.S. Pat. No.: 3,641,450, hereafter "Lunn").

With this Amendment, Claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2 and 3 have been both amended to incorporate the subject matter of base claim 1. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

#### **II. Allowable Subject Matter:**

Claims 5-10 have been allowed. Claims 2-3 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but were indicated that would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in the aforementioned claims, and has amended the pending claims accordingly herein.

**III. Response to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejections:**

Claims 1 and 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lunn.

Claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled with the submission of this amendment. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are moot.

Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that, in addition to the previously allowed claims 5-10, claims 2 and 3, as now amended, are also distinguishable from the cited references. As a result, Applicant believes that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and such a favorable action is respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection of claims and allowance of this application.

Should any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

### AUTHORIZATION

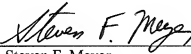
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 5000-5310.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 5000-5310.

Respectfully submitted,  
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